

*CLAIM AMENDMENTS*

Please amend claims 3, 6 and 14 and change the parenthetical indication for claims 35-40 from (New) to (Previously presented) for claims 37 and 38, and (Withdrawn) for claims 36 and 39-40, as indicated below, such that after entry of the amendments the claims read as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one of the upper and lower surfaces includes one or more spikes extending therefrom, with at least one of the one or more spikes having one or more barbs extending therefrom for engaging at least one of the floor covering or the underlying substrate.
3. (Currently amended) An apparatus for securing a movable floor covering to an ~~underlying substrate, such as a carpet or the like, where the underlying substrate includes~~ floor covering having a layer of pile extending upward from a backing of the underlying floor covering, the apparatus comprising:
- a substantially flat and planar central base member adapted to be placed between the movable floor covering and the underlying ~~substrate~~ floor covering;
- the central base member having an upper surface thereof adapted for engaging the movable floor covering, and a lower surface thereof having a lone downwardly extending threaded spike that is adapted to pass completely through the layer of pile and threadably engage the backing of the underlying floor covering ~~substrate~~ for securing the apparatus to the underlying floor covering ~~substrate~~ as the central base member of the apparatus is rotated to screw the threaded spike through the backing.
4. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the upper surface of the central base member includes a plurality of upwardly extending spikes that are adapted to engage the floor covering.